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Dear Examiner Ho,

Per my conversation with Mr. Clayton Laballe (571 272-1594) on September 17, 2007, please find attached the requested Consent of Assignee form. According to Mr. Laballe, this is the only form that is still required.

Regards,
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Notice of Allowability

Application No.

11/449,312

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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Art Unit

3671

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/19/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11, 12, 14 and 23.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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11/449,312	06/08/2006	Michael J. Covington	17598 - 2	6199
TITLE OF INVENTION: END OF ROW DETECTION AND COMPACTING SEQUENCE FOR A COTTON HARVESTING MACHINE				

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